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Treasurer's Report.

J. W. PEPPARD, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF RUMNEY.

To Cash in Treasury,	$ 64 69
H. W. Herbert, Collector,	250 00
" "	125 00
" "	588 15
" "	337 61
" "	362 18
" "	395 01
" "	379 09
Railroad Tax,	557 59
Savings Bank Tax,	422 63
Literary Fund,	115 92
Bounty on woodchucks,	58 60
H. W. Herbert, Collector,	455 73
" "	99 38
" "	245 31
J. M. Clark, boards sold,	2 25
" iron sold,	60
" H. B. Perkins' highway tax,	58
H. W. Herbert, Collector,	229 39
" "	854 54
	$5,544 25

Various Claims.

A. C. Hall, births and deaths, 1883,	$ 2 25
O. W. Stevens, constable,	1 50
C. H. Kimball, printing town reports,	14 00
E. C. Eastman, books, blanks, etc.,	6 00
C. A. Holden, decoration of soldiers' graves,	50 00
A. C. Emerson, bounty on woodchucks,	12 60
C. A. Holden, school house, district No. 2,	25 00
J. M. Clark, bounty on woodchucks,	7 40
Lewis Hall, " "	8 90
O. L. Corliss, births and deaths,	2 75
C. R. Emerton, lighting bridge,	10 00
A. C. Emerson, bounty on woodchucks,	28 90
J. C. Keyes, school house, district No. 8,	10 00
J. M. Clark, bounty on woodchucks,	80
E. C. Eastman, check-lists, 1882,	4 37
Daniel Darling, births and deaths,	3 25
State Tax,	780 00
County Tax,	784 21
O. L. Corliss, births and deaths,	1 50
A. L. Russell " "	75
C. A. Chase, lantern for bridge,	90
T. Wescott, sheep killed by dogs,	2 00
J. W. Wright, " "	8 25
H. K. Rogers, " "	5 50
Mary E. Baker, readers furnished scholars,	4 71
" school notices, postage and stationery,	1 85
H. W. Herbert, tax bills, 1882, 1883,	2 25
J. W. Peppard, expenses at Concord,	75
C. B. Simpson, selectman and car-fare,	4 30
E. G. Doe, care of tomb,	3 00
Charles Spalding, Overseer of Poor,	5 37
H. W. Herbert, settlement of highway tax, 1882, 1883,	5 00
" abatement of taxes, 1884,	15 39
" " highway taxes, 1882, 1883,	8 10

B. A. Hall, sheep killed by dogs,	2 00
C. R. Emerton, lighting bridge,	10 00
J. M. Clark, stationery and postage,	5 00
" tramps' expenses and cash paid out,	2 72
J. Roberts, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
H. W. Herbert, abatement of taxes, 1883,	2 90
	$1,848 17

TOWN OFFICERS.

G. H. Annis, Supervisor,	$ 7 25
Ira O. Heath, "	13 75
G. W. Fletcher, "	6 25
J. W. Burnham, "	13 75
Charles E. Bunker, Town Clerk,	25 00
Mary E. Baker, Supt. of Schools,	25 00
J. W. Peppard, Town Treasurer,	25 00
John M. Clark, Selectman,	61 02
A. C. Emerson, "	53 54
Lewis Hall, "	32 50
H. W. Herbert, Collector,	64 91
	$327 97

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1,	$ 49 78
2,	162 67
3,	78 49
4,	96 72
5,	75 02
6,	242 28
7,	107 32
8,	69 47
9,	55 93
11,	67 94
	$1,005 62

Highways and Bridges.

J. A. Dow, breaking roads,	$ 3 00
J. P. Keyes, "	15 00
E. G. Doe, work on highway and grade,	2 00
Frank Eaton, plank, 1881,	5 04
C. N. French, " 1883,	7 03
Stevens & Herbert, crossing land, 1882, 1883,	15 00
D. E. Slater, work on highway,	3 50
R. Robie, damage to horse,	25 00
S. W. Avery, work on highway,	11 53
M. M. Emerson, "	3 16
C. R. Emerton, snowing bridge,	10 00
S. Willey, breaking roads,	4 75
N. Collins, " and crossing land,	6 75
Charles E. Watts, "	25 00
G. N. Ward, "	1 75
Hiram E. Elliott, work on bridge,	1 50
N. S. Dow, breaking roads,	2 00
Alonzo Avery, "	25 00
H. G. Caldon, "	10 75
J. J. Bartlett, "	1 25
O. E. Simpson, work on highway,	9 82
R. R. Swett, plank,	4 00
H. H. Whittemore, breaking roads,	2 88
Willard Barrett, "	2 00
Stephen Avery, work on highway,	2 93
M. M. Emerson, "	6 00
Ira Bellville, breaking roads,	6 02
T. R. Ford, repairing wagon,	95
G. F. Blake, damage to wheels,	1 50
J. W. Wright, breaking roads,	6 25
H. G. Caldon, work on highway,	7 50
B. T. Brown, plank,	8 68
Alonzo Keniston, breaking roads,	12 45
T. J. Adams, crossing land,	5 00

B. M. Craig, breaking roads,	6 60
S. D. Abbott, repairing wheel,	2 50
John D. Hooper, on road machine,	75
G. F. Blake, work on highway,	75
Levi Bacon, taking care of his own road,	7 09
J. M. Clark, freight on road machine,	5 88
A. T. Weeks, breaking roads,	4 19
Ira Avery, stone watering trough,	75
G. A. Watts, breaking roads,	6 40
B. W. & A. A. Brown, plank,	11 82
S. D. Abbott, stone culvert,	10 00
W. F. Ray, breaking roads,	5 61
A. J. Stevens, lead pipe for stone watering trough,	10 52
Samuel Willoughby, work on highway,	11 50
J. Hooper, stone for watering trough,	1 50
U. S. Hutchins, breaking his own road,	7 00
J. E. Chapman, pipe for stone watering trough,	80
W. W. Fales, Jr., plank, bridge timber and boards,	44 95
C. D. Greeley, work on bridge,	75
S. Moulton, digging ditch for stone watering trough,	5 25
Guy A. Clifford, railing put up,	3 50
Wm. Harriman, work on highway,	77
L. H. Loveland, Jr., work on bridge,	5 00
Samuel Willoughby, work on highway,	9 36
H. I. Barnard, railing put up,	5 00
" breaking roads,	12 00
Lewis Hall, work on highway,	6 75
J. P. Morrill, work, powder, fuse, etc.,	5 90
Moses Foster, work on highway,	1 53
Orren Davis, "	59
M. M. Emerson, work on bridge,	75
J. W. Wright, work and timber for bridge,	10 52
C. S. Keniston, breaking roads,	6 44
" taking down fence,	2 00
G. D. Keniston, work on stone watering trough,	2 00

John Stevens, crossing Herbert land,	$ 5 00
E. O. Spalding, work on highway and stone,	7 00
J. B. Elliott, plank,	27 78
A. C. Emerson, work on Herbert fence,	8 75
E. P. Chapman, breaking roads,	2 88
A. C. Emerson, work on highway,	8 20
J. D. Colburn, watering trough,	3 00
A. M. Buzzell, "	2 00
" work on highway,	3 75
C. N. French, "	10 30
" taking down fence,	3 00
" plank,	3 60
B. A. Hall, breaking roads,	5 65
G. W. Blake, work on highway,	5 35
D. K. Pillsbury, stone for watering trough,	1 00
J. W. Burnham, work on highway and grade,	3 13
H. G. Caldon, breaking roads,	9 00
A. J. Braley, "	9 25
J. W. Wright, "	5 44
Burt Elliott, "	1 00
S. Willey, "	2 00
S. J. Keniston, "	6 37
G. N. Ward, "	2 17
Frank Avery, "	2 21
J. A. Colburn, "	6 60
Daniel Darling, money paid S. Mitchell, breaking roads, 1883,	2 50
E. G. Kelley, work on highway,	2 00
" taking down fence,	4 00
A. Tondreau, taking care of his own road.	10 37
O. W. Stevens, cementing watering trough,	75
Nathan Collins, work on highway,	10 72
Samuel Simpson, "	3 26
Gardner Avery, plank,	12 61
Jonathan Roberts, crossing land,	10 00
J. P. Wallace, breaking roads,	10 12
J. D. Colburn, "	2 75

J. D. Colburn, crossing land,	$ 4 00
F. H. Caldon, breaking roads,	8 75
B. A. Hall, watering trough,	3 00
A. R. Marston, "	3 00
" breaking roads,	6 73
W. C. Buzzell "	1 50
Nathan Collins, "	7 27
Frank Avery, "	6 62
A. T. Weeks, "	3 75
" watering trough,	2 00
W. F. Ray, breaking roads,	23 57
R. B. Clark, "	10 75
" on road machine,	5 25
J. M. Clark, taking down fence,	5 00
" work on highway,	7 51
A. L. Merrill, breaking roads,	15 37
J. P. Wallace, breaking roads and road machine,	5 50
C. A. Diamond, work on highway,	3 63
J. Roberts, breaking roads,	9 93
Lewis Hall, work on highway and cutting trees,	8 87
A. C. Emerson, "	3 62
Charles Spalding, damage to horse,	15 00
B. H. Merrill, breaking roads,	5 00
E. O. Spalding, "	2 00
Ira Bellville, "	4 62
H. K. Rogers, "	1 08
Wm. McLain, "	1 20
F. C. Keyes, "	7 90
	$867 65

RECAPITULATION.

To amount brought forward,		$5,544 25
By paid various claims,	$1,848 17	
Town officers,	327 97	

Schools,	$1,005 62	
Highways and bridges,	867 65	
By amt. in treasury,	1,494 84	
		$5,544 25

ASSETS.

In treasury,	$1,494 84
J. L. Davis and C. A. Holden note,	11 18
D. A. Kent and G. D. Keniston note,	6 51
21 Shares Railroad stock,	000 00
	$1,512 53

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the Town Treasury.

J. W. PEPPARD, Treasurer.

Feb. 28th, 1885.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. HERBERT, Auditor.

Rumney, Feb. 28th, 1885.

Overseer of the Poor's Report.

Whole number of paupers helped during the year,		23
County paupers,		23
Town paupers,		
Tramps,		18
Whole am't received as per 1884 report,	$160 24	
Less by discount and bill continued,	24 56	
		$135 68
May 1st, County Order,		191 74
Nov. " "		154 93
Amt. in hands of Overseer, as per 1884 report,		16 40
Received of Town,		5 37
		$504 12

County Charges Allowed and Paid by Co. from Nov. 1st, '83, to May 1st, '84.

Daniel B. Elliott,	$26 00
Harrison Fifield to G. P. Welch,	26 00
Charles Haines, to H. H. Haines,	26 00
Mrs. Hodge, to R. Avery,	26 00
Samuel Chapman,	15 00
Charles Nelson, to C. Spalding,	2 24
Stephen Morse, "	3 00
" to L. Merrill,	3 00

Mrs. Anges Smith, Mrs. Jane Cawley,		$25 00
" " Warren Doe,		20 00
" " Dr. Darling,		18 00
To carrying Wm. Smith to Co. Farm,		1 50
		$191 74

Co. Charges Allowed and Paid by Co. from May 1st to Nov. 1st, '84.

H. Fifield, to G. P. Welch,		$13 00
D. B. Elliott,		13 00
Sam. Chapman, 24 weeks,	$24 00	
" to Ford coffin,	12 00	
" Dr. Darling,	20 00	
		$56 00
Mrs. Hodge, to R. Avery,		26 00
Charles Haines, to H. H. Haines,		26 00
Transient,		4 30
J. Straw, to H. R. Ford,		12 00
Transient, to R. R. ticket,		4 63
		$154 93

Co. Charges Due from Co. and Paid by Town from Nov. 1st, '84, to Date.

D. B. Elliott,	$17 00
H. Fifield, to G. P. Welch,	17 00
Mrs. Mary Hodge, to R. Avery,	25 50
Charles E. Haines, to H. H. Haines,	17 00
Stephen Morse, to C. Spalding,	6 75
" Charles Chase,	11 00
" Dr. Darling,	4 00
Levi Raymond, 17 weeks,	17 00
Sam. Chapman, to Mrs. Fred Glover,	5 00
" Mrs. Evelyn Glover,	5 00

Carrying Wm. Smith to Co. Farm,		$2 00
Daniel Avery, to C. Spalding,	$ 40	
" C. Chase,	80	
" Dr. Darling,	2 50	
		$ 3 70
		$130 95

TOWN EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING MAR. 1ST, '85.

O. W. Stevens, taking 2 depositions,	$ 1 50
Charles Spalding, taking care 18 tramps,	9 00
Stationery, stamps, etc.,	1 00
Services as Overseer,	15 00
	$ 26 50
Amt. paid by Town and due from County,	130 95
Whole amt. paid by County,	346 67
	$504 12

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. HERBERT, Auditor.

Rumney, Feb. 28th, 1885.

School Report.

In reviewing the school year, the result, though far from satisfactory, is as good as could reasonably be expected.

There has been a wide range in the qualifications of the teachers employed, but in no instance a failure of working up to the ability possessed and a faithful and conscientious discharge of the duties of the school-room.

The teachers are commended for the readiness with which they have seconded any efforts of your Committee, tending to make the common schools of more practical benefit. The ordinary labors of the day have been supplemented by self-preparation by the teacher for the next day's recitations, which has greatly increased the interest in the classes.

They have taught the right use of eyes, ears, speech and hands as tools which will render the pupils more self-reliant, and have awakened a vigorous appetite for self-education, which will make an unabridged dictionary and a daily paper a necessity and not a luxury in every family, in the near future.

They have inculcated habits of kindness and fidelity, which tend toward the maintainance of equal rights in theschool-room and on the play-ground.

They have realized that good mental work cannot be accomplished either by teacher or scholar, without a fair degree of bodily health and that the example of correct personal habits, is essential to success.

The interest and co-operation existing in a district is easily determined by the record of attendance and the visits of the parents, for parents will almost invariably be prompted to visit a school in which they are interested sufficiently to see that their children are punctual. They thus aid and encourage the teachers and secure to the pupils the greatest possible benefit.

The best results have obtained where the teachers have been employed for successive terms in the same districts, and where amicable relations have existed between parents, teachers and scholars.

Experienced teachers have been employed in most of the schools, two at least are "beyond the fifties" in their number of terms.

In No. 7 the advantage of methodical training for the occupation was very apparent, and a return to the old methods would not be tolerated.

Particular attention has been paid to penmanship, and in several terms every pupil has attedded to this important branch.

The children have made good progress in their studies.

The Roll of Honor is, I think, the largest on record, and the number of perfect recitations, reported, is unprecedented.

There is certainly a fair promise that the future active element of our town, will be comprised of men, who will devise liberal things for the children: of men qualified to combine a generous appropriation of money, with the judicious expenditure of the same, and of women, educated to realize their responsibility for the intelligent use of the ballot in school affairs, which the state has so generously conceded to them, the use or neglect of which, is powerful for good or evil.

I have noted with much pleasure, the interest manifested by your prudential committees. Whenever I have met them in the school-room, they have appeared to be men who had the cause of education at heart, and knew and regarded the wants of their particular districts. In the employment of the teacher is involved the failure or success of the school.

The blackboards nearly all need renovating, being at present quite useless, and I would suggest the practicability of procuring a liquid preparation of slate for that purpose. The expense would be trifling, if purchased in quantity, for all the school-rooms at the same time. For particulars I refer to W. J. Spalding.

I would recommend a supply of books of reference for daily use in the school-room. The first step is to provide a place for their safe keeping. It need not be expensive—an old door stands idly in somebody's work-shop—a little paint—a little work to let a few shelves in-

to the wall—a lock with a key in the hands of the teacher, and the books will come.

You have cheerfully contributed towards a library of 1,500 volumes —for the state prison. The insane asylum and the reform school are well provided with books. You cannot expect or desire for your children the benefit of these collections, allow we to plead the cause of the School District Library. "The road of bye and bye leads to the town of Never." Will you do something in this direction the coming year?

I have finished the introduction of the series of readers, commenced by the former superintendent, and have introduced Brand's Lessons on the Human Body as a text-book n Physiology, but have not made its study compulsory. Successful classes have been formed in the village Grammar and in district No. 7.

The whole amount of school revenue has been $1,041.96.

The largest amount appropiated to any one district, $242.28; the least sum so appropriated, $49.87.

For further information see annexed tabular statement.

MARY E. BAKER,
Supt. School Com. of Rumney.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Prudential Com.	Term.	Name of Teacher.	No. of weeks of School.	Whole No. of Scholars.	No. of Pupils attending the following studies.											Roll of Honor.	Visitors.
						Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Algebra.	History.	Book-keeping.	Physiology.	Philosophy.		
1	H. C. Lufkin.....	1	Mabel L. Wyatt....	7	11	5	1	1	12	13	8						4	10
		2	" "	6	13	6	1	2	12	13	11						3	13
2	J. L. Emerton.....	1	Lura J. Bryer.....	10	28	23	3	13	28	28	19		1	1			2	17
		2	Abbie A. French...	13	25	20	2	15	26	26	20						2	13
3	G. D. Spalding.....	1	Loria O. Bryant....	7.6	18	7	3	4	18	16	5	1		2			2	14
		2	Cora A. Willey....	7.8	19	12	2	5	12	14	10			2			3	12
4	C. F. Downing.....	1	Susie C. Simpson..	7	10	10	4	7	10	16	8		1				3	1
		2	" " ..	10	16	16	4	13	10	16	16						3	14
5	B. H. Merrill.....	1	Celia A. Jewell....	8	13	7	1	5	13	13	7						6	34
		2	" "	8	13	7	5	6	13	13	7							33
		3	" "	9	19	12	5	8	19	19	8		1		1		5	32
6	E. H. Elliot.....	1	C. F. Elliott.....	8	29	13		4	29	28	14						2	13
		2	"	10	28	15		9	29	28	21						9	13
		1	G. M. Davis	8	16	16	6	7	16	16	12	1	1				2	13
		2	W. J. Spalding.....	11	26	26	7	7	26	26	24	3		1	3			29
7	T. G. Stevens	1	Jennie M. Kinsman	7	13	11	2	10	13	17	10	2	1		3		5	2
		2	" "	8	17	16	3	12	13	17	14	2	2		4	2	6	27
8	J. C. Keyes.....	1	May L. Nelson.....	3	15	15		12	10	15	15		1				10	1
		2	" "	7.4	15	15		12	10	15	15						2	4
9	J. W. Wright.....	1	C. J. Waldron.....	11	14	7		2	14	14	10						3	8
11	L. H. Loveland....	1	May E. Currier....	7	19	11	2	4	19	19	11						5	12
		2	Nellie A. Davis ...	7	14	7	2	3	14	14	8						4	11

No. of scholars over 5 years of age attending 2 weeks or more.....230

No. of children reported by assessors (boys, 123; girls, 112).....235

No. of children between the ages of 5 and 15 not attending..... 4